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About Town Notes

Dr. Marshall Sponsler, of New York city, visited his mother and sister in town over the week end.

Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornish and son Louis spent Sunday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Thomas Baker, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Culp, Jr.

Miss Florence Scheuren of Kennett Square and Miss Loretta Scheuren of Absecon, N. J., spent Thanksgiving at the home of their parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Tower and children have moved from D. H. Bartman's dwelling on Main street to the one owned by Warren Thompson on Sixth avenue.

Miss Ruth Walt, of Philadelphia, spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Walt.

Mrs. D. M. Hunsicker and Mr. Claude Hunsicker spent Sunday with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Reiner, of Collegeville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Landes on Sunday.

Miss Cora Hunsicker spent Sunday at the home of friends in Ironbridge.

Miss Gladys Boorem, of Lehigh, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Boorem.

Mr. John H. Bartman spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Ralph Walt, of Wayne, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Walt, on Sunday.

Mr. C. H. Dedeker, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at the home of his son.

Mr. R. S. Borden, of Philadelphia, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartman spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Norristown.

Mr. Guillem Clamer, of State College, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Clamer.

Miss Mary D. Bechtel, of Bryn Mawr, spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bartman.

Mr. Merrill Yost, of Morrisville, spent a part of last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Yost.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hunsicker and children of Norristown visited Mrs. Hunsicker on Thursday.

Mr. John Freed is erecting a garage in the rear of his residence on Third avenue.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Trinity Reformed church met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Landes on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tibbals of Philadelphia and Mrs. William Gristick and Miss Matilda Gristick were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gristick on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller and children and Mr. and Mrs. Christian Bauer and children visited friends in Conshohocken on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barrett spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lane.

Mr. George Barrett attended a Sorority Dance in Merchantville on Saturday evening and visited relatives in Camden on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer entertained a number of relatives at dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Matilda Gristick entertained the Sewing Club on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berron and Mr. Guillem Clamer, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Friedman, of Germantown, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. Clamer delightfully entertained the Thespian Club on Friday evening.

Miss Sarah Ermold entertained a number of friends at cards on Friday evening.

Mrs. Charles Michener and Mrs. Helen Harlan of Philadelphia spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Clamer.

Miss Mary Williams spent Thursday at the home of her father near Black Rock.

Mr. George Spangler, of Philadelphia, visited relatives in town last week.

Evelyn Onwaka, ill with typhoid fever, is convalescing.

Winifred Landes is having a large chicken house constructed on the property recently purchased of H. L. Saylor. Elmer Poley, of Trappe, is doing the carpenter work.

D. Roswell Homer has accepted the position of manager of the Willow Garage, Norristown.

The regular meeting of the Collegeville Fire Company, usually held on Thursday evenings, will be held on Friday evening of this week. A full attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pennington and daughter Pearl, of Cedars, spent Sunday with Miss Mary Fox.

L. S. Schatz has installed a Freed heater and hot water system, and a complete plumbing outfit, in the residence of the Babian brothers of Zieglerville.

Mrs. T. C. J. Baker, formerly Miss Linda Robinson, near Perkiomen Bridge, was in town Monday, prior to leaving for her new home in Atlanta, Georgia, where Mr. Baker is now engaged. They formerly resided at Downingtown.

The Death Roll

J. M. Bray.

James M. Bray died Saturday morning at his home in Fruitville, aged 78 years, 4 months and 23 days. Funeral on Tuesday. Interment in Herstein's cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Ruth Buckley.

Miss Ruth Buckley, aged about 19 years, daughter of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Chauncey J. Buckley, died Thursday at her parents' home on Jacoby street, below Green, Norristown. Miss Buckley had been in poor health for several years. Less than a year ago one of her arms was amputated with the hope of benefiting her health. She failed to improve and recently her condition became critical. She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

IT LOOKS LIKE A TROLLEY LINE UP THE VALLEY.

It now appears that the proposed trolley line from Collegeville to Schwenksville, and other points further up the valley, will materialize. Contracts for construction work have been awarded and preparations are being made to begin grading and track laying. About 150 workmen will be steadily engaged. It will be necessary to confine operations to the private right-of-way until the State Highway Department gets into motion and gives the company the privilege to occupy portions of the Perkiomen turnpike, now under State control. The privilege will not doubt be granted in due time. A barn at Graterford has been fitted up to house the workmen to be engaged in the work of grading and track laying.

W. C. T. U. ITEMS.

The annual Christmas sale under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. will be held in Froemen's hall this coming Saturday afternoon, December 4, from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. Fancy and useful articles suitable as holiday gifts, also cakes, pies, candies, flowers and ice cream will be on sale. Come, see the goods, examine, buy.

The regular monthly meeting of the union will be held at the home of Mrs. E. S. Moser, Tuesday, December 6, at 2:30 p. m.

The union has made arrangements to have Hon. M. J. Fanning of Philadelphia deliver a lecture in Trinity Reformed church, Thursday evening, December 16, at eight o'clock. Mr. Fanning is about closing an itinerary of the state organization, which had on its schedule more than two hundred lectures.

Operation for Appendicitis.

Tuesday forenoon Clarence Scheuren, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Scheuren of this borough, and a member of the Senior class of Ursinus College, was operated upon for appendicitis, at home. The operation was very successfully performed by Dr. Fisher of St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia, assisted by the family physician, Dr. S. B. Horning of Collegeville, and Dr. W. Z. Anders of Trappe. Clarence was taken ill on Sunday and suffered much pain. Dr. Horning diagnosed the case as one of appendicitis and recommended an operation. The present condition of the patient is entirely satisfactory and recovery in due time is fully anticipated.

Flag Manufacturing Business Changes Ownership.

The Freed Flag and Manufacturing Company have disposed of their machinery and stock on hand in F. J. Clamer's building on Third avenue east, Collegeville, to a Philadelphia Company of dealers in flags. The corporate name of which will be made known in due time. M. W. Godshall will relinquish his position as Manager for the Collegeville Flag Company and will manage the manufacturing plant of the new company, in the Clamer building.

Basketball.

Tuesday afternoon the basketball team of the Collegeville High School defeated the North Coventry (Ches-ter) County High School team by a score of 11 to 5. This was the last game of the season—a season that brought frequent victories to the local team.

Errata.

Constable Henry C. Schatz, not special officer John Rawn, served the warrants on the young men charged with breaking into Howard Lutz's bungalow near Perkiomen Bridge. This statement is made in correction of an error in last week's INDEPENDENT.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
Notary Public.
(Seal.)
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

COLLEGE BOYS PLEAD GUILTY.

Before Judge Swartz at Norristown Monday, Charles Hull Knauer of Milton, Pa., and Sylvester Thomas of Bloomfield, N. J., two Ursinus College students, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny, entry and larceny, and admitted that they had entered a bungalow along Perkiomen Creek, tenanted by Howard Lutz, of Reading, on the day after the Ursinus College football team defeated the Navy eleven, and had stolen a lamp and other articles, as they said, "to furnish their room at the college."

Dean Kline, of Ursinus College, said both boys had a clean record and he was surprised when he heard they were in trouble. They had been asked to withdraw from the college after committing the crime and to remain in the jurisdiction of the Court until their trial. Thomas said he had been husking corn for farmers in the neighborhood.

Dean Kline told the Court he was not sure that the boys would be taken back in college, even if sentence was suspended. At the conclusion of the hearing Judge Swartz said: "Let the ball be renewed. We will dispose of this case on December 20." Judge Swartz let it be known that the court did not want to intimate to the faculty what was in the mind of the court with reference to the boys; that while the Court did not feel inclined to impose a jail sentence, although the case was in many respects similar to that wherein others not carried away with college enthusiasm were regarded as violators of the law and punished accordingly, they would, nevertheless, defer final disposition until such time as the faculty could determine in what light it was going to treat the boys' conduct.

Passed the Night in the Borough Lockup.

Saturday night warrants were issued by Squire Yost for two more or less inebriated men who had taken possession of and damaged the trolley waiting room at Evansburg road. Special officer John Rawn served the warrants and had the men automobile to the lockup in this borough, where they passed the remainder of the night. Sunday morning they were conducted to Squire Yost's court quarters. They gave their names as Joseph Ford and Peter Smith. The Squire committed them to jail to stand trial at court. The word jail seemed to tingle them with a sensation of satisfaction. They evidently preferred jail to our borough lockup, perhaps on account of better prospects for the men automobile to the lockup during cold nights. A stone pile in the jail yard might give them a rude surprise.

Educational Progress in Lower Providence.

It was recently made public that the present plans of the school directors of Lower Providence include some building somewhere on Evansburg road, and an addition of two rooms to the Trooper building are also planned. These buildings, when completed, and the two-room schoolhouse at Audubon will constitute all the township school buildings, and will mean that Lower Providence, a rural district, will have the advantage of graded schools. Recitation periods will be increased from an average of five to ten minutes to at least twenty or thirty minutes. Transportation will have to be furnished to only two districts, so that objection to consolidation is largely overcome. Lower Providence is to be congratulated upon the progressive spirit being shown by its board of directors.

Linfield Man Plunges in the Delaware.

John Pexsell, aged 42 years, who claimed his home as Linfield, attempted to commit suicide by jumping in the Delaware River, off the Noble street pier, Philadelphia, Sunday afternoon. He was rescued from an untimely death by Officer Dixon, of the Third and Fairmont street station. The patrolman had a fierce struggle with the man while they were in the chilling waters. Pexsell was in such a weakened condition when he was taken on the pier that he was rushed to the Roosevelt Hospital. In his clothing was found \$25 in bills and some small articles.

Lawyer Thomas Hallman's Auto Snapped Off Telephone Pole.

Attorney Thomas L. Hallman, of Collegeville and Norristown, narrowly escaped with his life, on Sunday, when his large Chalmers auto collided with and snapped off a telephone pole on the Skipack road near Skipackville. The falling pole struck the car with great force. The accident was due to the wheels of the car skidding on the wet roadway. The car was much damaged.

Proposals for Bridge Over Schuylkill.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Commissioners of Montgomery and Chester counties, at the County Commissioners' Office, Norristown, Pennsylvania, until 10 a. m., December 21, 1915, for the construction of a reinforced concrete arch bridge of five spans, over the Schuylkill River, connecting Phoenixville and Mont Clare, Pennsylvania.

Rheumatism and Allied Pains—They Must Go!

Careful people see that they are stopped. Dr. King's New Discovery is a remedy of tried merit. It has held its own on the market for 40 years. Youth and old alike testify to its soothing and healing qualities. Rheumatism and lung troubles are often caused by delay of treatment. Dr. King's New Discovery stops those hacking coughs and relieves in grippe tendencies. Money back if it fails, 50c. and \$1.00.

BARNS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Between two and three o'clock Friday morning the large barn on N. B. Keyser's farm and mill property along the Skipack, below Evansburg, was destroyed by fire, involving nearly all of last season's crops stored in the barn, some farm machinery, about 150 chickens, one hog and a dog. The horses, cows, and 35 hogs were saved from destruction. The flames were discovered by a girl living with the Keyser family. She gave the alarm and at once proceeded to do all she could to help Mr. Keyser and his hired man to save the live stock. The Collegeville Fire Company promptly responded to a call for assistance, if needed, in saving the horses and other buildings. The loss is at least \$5000. The Perkiomen Valley Mutual is one of the Companies in which the barn and contents were insured. Mr. Keyser desires to express through the INDEPENDENT his thanks to neighbors and to the members of the Collegeville Fire Company for their presence and assistance during the fire.

Fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock Wednesday morning of last week in the barn on the property of the Whitehorn Inn, formerly Manning's hotel, at Barren Hill, which completely destroyed the structure, together with 18 cows, 12 calves, many turkeys, an automobile and other contents of the building. The loss will be close to \$10,000, only partially covered by insurance.

THE 1915 CORN SHOW.

The Corn Show under the direction of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, in City Hall, Norristown, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week, promises to be largely attended and to surpass any previous affair of its kind in this county.

Practically all of the space in the two large auditoriums on the second floor of the municipal building are taken up by the exhibits either by the members of the various boys and girls clubs in the several sections of the county, the leading agriculturists, or the leading business houses of Norristown. Don't miss the Corn Show. Help to make it a big success.

New Trial in Damage Case.

Judge Miller Saturday morning filed an opinion in which he grants a new trial in the appeal of the defendants in the action of John Litka against the United States Pipe Line Company. At the May session of civil court Litka was awarded \$1500 damages for injury to his farm in Lower Providence township by reason of the escape of oil when the pipe line broke. It was testified that the land was permanently injured. Henry Hunsicker, of Skipack, testified that when the pipe line had burst on another occasion—in November, 1912—his land was injured so that he could not grow crops on it. Since the trial a representative of the pipe line company visited the Hunsicker farm and found corn growing on the land which Hunsicker had claimed was permanently injured. It was because of this conflict of alleged facts that the court grants the new trial, directing special attention to this variance, with the idea that perhaps the testimony of Hunsicker influenced the jury. The amount of damages incurred by Litka's land—believing that the damage would be permanent.

Married Fifty Years.

Captain and Mrs. William W. Owen, of Norristown, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Monday, in Wildwood, N. J. Captain and Mrs. Owen have spent most of their lives in Norristown and vicinity. The Captain earned his title during the civil war, he being head of Company D, of the Fifty-first regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He has been in the office of Sheriff of Montgomery county for about a quarter of a century, having previously served as a librarian. In the performance of his duties as office deputy to succeeding Sheriffs he has won a fine reputation as a capable and obliging official.

Killed by Moving Van.

Hayes Good, aged 38, was instantly killed Friday morning while accompanying a motor truck from Boyertown to Reading, which was carrying his household effects. A new chauffeur being at the wheel, the car left the road at Stonersville and struck a marshy spot, which turned the machine over, pinning Good beneath, and fracturing his skull.

Get Rid of Those Poisons in Your System.

You will find Dr. King's New Life Pills a most satisfactory laxative in releasing the poisons from your system. Accumulated waste and poisons cause manifold ailments unless released. Dizziness, spots before the eyes, blackness and a miserable feeling generally are indications that you need Dr. King's New Life Pills. Take a dose to-night and you will experience grateful relief by morning. 25c.

DEATH TOLL 999 ON STEAM RAILROADS OF STATE.

Only two passengers of the millions carried by the 126 railroads in Pennsylvania during the year ending June 30, 1915, were killed, according to the annual report of the Public Service Commission, made public last week.

More than 80 per cent. of the fatalities that occurred during the year on steam railroads were the death of trespassers. Grade crossings also claimed a large toll. The remainder of the accidents were among employees. The small loss of life among passengers is credited to the efficiency tests that are systematically applied by nearly all the companies.

During the period 11,639 accidents occurred on steam and street railways in the state. As a result, 1162 persons were killed and 11,802 were injured, the report shows.

The "statistical exhibit," Investigator John P. Doherty says, shows that of the 999 persons killed on the steam railroads, 609, or approximately 60 per cent. were trespassers. When we view these alarming figures in connection with the fact that 105 persons lost their lives at grade crossings, the conclusion must be reached that the fatalities yearly occurring in this state could be materially reduced by the strict enforcement of an effective law relating to trespassers and by the careful observance of precautionary measures by travelers over crossings.

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

The 1915 annual meeting and fruit show of the Montgomery County Horticultural Association will be held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Farm Bureau corn show in City Hall, Norristown, Pa. Thursday, December 2, is Grange Day. Friday, December 3, is Horticultural Day. Saturday, December 4, is Farm Bureau Day. Each day will have its special program.

Program for Horticultural Day (Friday, December 3) is as follows: Morning session called to order at 10 a. m. Annual address by the president, Irvin P. Knipe.

Election of officers for the coming year. Address by Professor H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist, Harrisburg, on "Improving the Quality and Reducing the Cost of Production."

Afternoon session: Address by Professor E. R. Lake, Bureau of Pomology, Washington, D. C., on "Some Reflections on Fruit Growing in California, as gathered from this summer's visit."

Address by Professor H. A. Surface, president of Pennsylvania Beekeepers' Association on "Horticulture and Bees."

Question box and round-table discussion, conducted by Professor H. A. Surface and Professor E. R. Lake.

THE HOLIDAY RUSH.

"Do your Christmas selling early," is the appeal of Commissioner John Price Jackson, of the Department of Labor and Industry, to merchants throughout Pennsylvania in an effort to effect seasonably early daily closing of all mercantile establishments during the holidays and thus prevent prosecutions for violations of the labor laws. The familiar, "Do your Christmas shopping early," is also directed by the Commissioner at the army of Christmas buyers in the hope of obtaining the cooperation that will make the appeal to the merchants effective.

"Christmas shopping should be done as early as is possible in the season," says Commissioner Jackson. "If all merchants in every community combine unitedly for a definite closing hour each night during the holiday season, none will lose trade, the law will be observed and every establishment will have fresher and more efficient clerks to meet the grueling demands of the holiday rush."

Famous Seedsman Dead.

Washington Altee Burpee, one of America's most famous seedsman and horticulturists, died at his home near Doylestown on Friday, aged 57 years. Born at Sheffield, N. B., April 5, 1858, young Burpee removed in childhood with his parents to Philadelphia, where he was educated at the Friends' School and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1876 he entered the seed business with two partners, but subsequently became sole proprietor of the concern, known as W. Altee Burpee & Co. It was claimed for the business finally that it was the most extensive of its class in the world, having immense farms at Doylestown, Fordhook, Swedesboro, N. J., and in the Lampore Valley, Cal., the latter the birthplace of the world's prettiest sweet pea.

Thirty Freight Cars Smashed.

Two Pennsylvania Railroad freight trains collided last Sunday night at Cornwells, and thirty freight cars were smashed and a locomotive ruined. The four tracks of the Pennsy were laid up for hours as a result of the costly wreck. Through trains were diverted over the Trenton Cut-Off and the Trenton division, using the Pennsylvania bridge over the Delaware river at Port Richmond. The wreck was caused by a disregard of signals by one of the engineers. The crew escaped injury. The train bearing President Wilson to Washington from New York city was delayed for one hour as a result of the wreck.

Death of Law Librarian.

John S. Jones, Law Librarian of Montgomery county and Crier of the Orphans' Court, died Friday night at his home on Stanbridge street, near Marshall, Norristown, following an illness of several months.

INDOLENCE.

It has been said that the crime which Nature never forgives is indolence. It is certain that our bodies were never planned for idleness. Good health is invariably the result of a continued and rational exercising of both our bodies and minds.

Whenever we fail to exercise them for a period of time they are apt to degenerate. Not infrequently, owing to the close association of the various parts of the complex human machinery, this results in the impairment of one part and reflects upon the others.

The complications of modern life are very apt to result in our being forced into a restricted sphere and it requires thought and intelligence to keep mind and body in good condition.

The normal man and woman is endowed with a brain capable of development along various lines. To promote this development along a single line creates a one-sidedness which may readily become abnormal.

There has never been a time when opportunities were so great for those who desire to broaden their horizon and cultivate interests aside from those forced upon them by their particular trade or occupation. Not to have interests and occupation in a world teeming with opportunities and possibilities is to admit of stupidity and sloth.

Fads of one sort or another may not seem worthy of comparison with the more serious employments of life; nevertheless they may serve those who have been relieved of the necessity of labor and in lieu of better occupation prevent degeneration of mind and body. To be occupied with trifles is better than not to be occupied at all.

To devote one's self to tasks which require concentration and a combined effort of mind and body stimulates a rational development and goes far toward keeping us sane and healthy.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

A GHOST SURPRISE PARTY.

A ghost surprise party was tendered by Lees Yeager at his home near Black Rock on Saturday evening.

Mr. Yeager recently left for State College where he is taking a two year course in agriculture, but was spending the Thanksgiving holidays at his home. About fifty of his friends assembled at eight o'clock and gave him a ghostly shock when he returned from a trip to Phoenixville. The evening was spent in playing various games.

Some excellent music was furnished by Misses Cora Daneshower and Bernice Wagner. After selecting partners by solving a puzzle we journeyed to the dining room where an elaborate lunch commemorative of the Thanksgiving season was served. The guests departed to their homes wishing Mr. Yeager success in his college career. Those present were: Misses Eva Groff, Lydia Groff, Martha Farnous, Frances Farnous, Bernice Wagner, Cora Daneshower, Helen Daneshower, Mary Daneshower, Elizabeth Funk, Ruth Beckwith, John Milligan, Annie Keplinger, Florence Smith, Mabel Jones, Emily Milligan, Agnes Milligan, Mary Greenly, Edna Schaeffer, Emma Schaeffer, Kathryn Dettwiler, Edna Daneshower, Lillian Young, Ethel Jordan, Olive Yeager, Frances Yocum, Messrs. J. Lees Yeager, Howard Farnous, David Farnous, Joseph Farnous, Alvin Funk, George Ellis, Herbert Francis, Ernest Yocum, Raymond Smith, Norman Jones, George Jones, Ralph Young, Ira Daneshower, Edger Wampole, Harry Bopkwalter, John Milligan, Paul S. Kopenhafer, Isaac Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Daneshower, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Yeager.

PARTICIPANT.

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Golden Wedding.

On Saturday the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Fegely of Trappe was the scene of rare and beautiful festivities. The occasion was a family reunion and dinner in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mrs. Fegely's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Snyder of Erie, Pa. Only the immediate family were present. The dining room was beautifully decorated with yellow and green and the large wedding cake with dates in gold under a canopy of white draped with smilax from whose center gracefully swung a large wedding bell. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder were the recipient of a number of handsome presents and well wishes for many years of continued happiness and health. The following were present: The Rev. C. C. Snyder, pastor of Trinity church, Quakertown, Pa., and wife; The Rev. W. O. Fegely, pastor of Augustus church, Trappe, Pa., and wife and three grandchildren—Mr. Byron S. Fegely, teacher in English in the High School at Hamburg, N. J., Alma M. and Florence E. Fegely; Mrs. Lavina Kober, sister of Mrs. Snyder and who was bridesmaid half a century ago, and Miss Matilda C. Fegely, sister of Rev. Fegely. Announcements and wedding cake were sent to a host of friends, and all concerned enjoyed the occasion, with all its blessing to the full.

Work Plentiful.

"If an able-bodied man stops you on the street to negotiate a ten-cent loan or applies at your kitchen door for food with a hard luck story that he cannot get a job, give him the address of the nearest State Employment Agency." That is the advice of Jacob Lightner, Director of the State Employment Bureau of the Department of Labor and Industry, who declares that orders for war equipment from European countries have caused a dearth of laborers for metal and munition plants. "It is mainly a matter of geography, if an able-bodied man, who is willing to do any kind of work cannot find employment," remarks Director Lightner. "If there is no work in his immediate locality, a postal card to the State Bureau of Employment, Masonic Temple, Harrisburg, will bring a reply that will outline definitely where he can find a job."

News From Trappe

R. H. Grater and family, of Collegeville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Grater on Thanksgiving Day.

Warren Grater has entered as an employee of the Freed Heater Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Miller, of Norristown, visited Mr. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, Sunday.

Mr. M. H. Keeler, of Pottstown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shuler, Sr.

Mr. Herbert Weikel, of Williamstown School, spent his Thanksgiving vacation with his grandmother.

Mrs. Wiseman and Miss Melvina Fisher, of Philadelphia, visited Mrs. Mathieu on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Brownback and family and Mr. O. P. Shellenberger attended the Thanksgiving dinner at Brownback's church on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Annie Alderfer is spending some time in Philadelphia.

Members of the Eckstein orchestra of Trappe were entertained on Tuesday evening after rehearsal at the home of the Misses Sadie and Elsie Hunsicker of Collegeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Schrack entertained at dinner, on Thanksgiving Day, friends from Eagleville, Collegeville and Trappe.

Misses Florence and Gertrude Dettwiler entertained a number of friends at cards on Thanksgiving Day afternoon.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. Heyser Dettwiler entertained at a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leroy Dettwiler's first wedding anniversary.

The pupils of the Trappe schools will present the Christmas cantata "Santa Claus and Uncle Sam" in the Fire hall on Thursday evening, December 23rd.

In his will the late Jacob W. Wisler, names, Ella B. Wisler, his widow, and the Security Trust Company of Pottstown as executors. His wife is to have the use of the property in Trappe for life, and shares the estate with nephews and nieces.

Don't forget the Froemen's supper in the Fire hall Saturday evening, December 4, 1915. Get your supper and meet your neighbors and friends there.

"The Gospel Message," numbers 1, 2, and 3 combined, is the name of the new song books, numbering 100, which have been put into use in the evening services of St. Luke's Reformed church. The initiatory use of them, last Sunday evening, proved them to be entirely acceptable and satisfactory. These books will be used in the special evangelistic meetings to be held during the week, December 12-13.

Professor A. Reichenbach and R. F. Wismer, Esq., of the delegation from St. Luke's church

PERSONAL LIBERTY, in its true aspects, must form the basis of the best form of government devised, or yet to be devised. Not the personal liberty of license; the liberty of individuals do about as they please, regardless of the just rights and privileges of other individuals. This brand of personal liberty is to be compared to a troublesome and dangerous parasitical growth tenaciously clinging to the great trunk of true personal liberty—the very life and hope of aspiring humanity in its progressive evolutionary movements.

The rightful privileges of personal liberty invoke grave responsibilities—the responsibility of parents requiring them to adequately teach their children the lessons of parental discipline, of respect for parental authority, of the importance of proper conduct, and of industry; the responsibility of teachers requiring them to supplement the efforts of parents; to not only instruct boys and girls in secular knowledge, but to teach those in their charge the difference between right and wrong conduct toward each other; to impress upon them the dangers associated with false personal liberty, and the great benefits to be derived from the personal liberty that rings true. True liberty does not and cannot mean a license to perform harmful acts. The inculcation of right conceptions of personal liberty is always the responsibility and the duty of parents and teachers. Wherein they fail personal liberty fails.

The community or state, composed of individual units will reflect, as a whole, the combined effects of individual conceptions and actions respecting personal liberty. In communities where majority sentiment antagonizes some important phases of personal liberty, in those communities the wheels of progress are retarded. The same observation applies to the State.

Government, based upon rightful personal liberty, is still on trial and only partly in force in the United States. It is not yet a fixed and final fact because the masses are not yet adequately influenced by clear conceptions of rational personal liberty—the right of every individual to think and speak honest thoughts, and act accordingly, so long as a SIMILAR RIGHT on the part of every other individual is not molested.

MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT, of New York, is a keen thinker and has the courage to state and defend her convictions. In a recent address before the Woman's Section of the United States she defended the right of women to demand peace. Excerpts from her address follow:

"Woman is the manufacturer of the chief tool used in war, namely man. For every rifle there must be a man manufactured by some woman to pull the trigger and push the shells into the magazine. For every cannon there must be a man of keen sight, born of some healthy woman who gave him good nerves, the power to aim straight amid noise, smoke and death. More important than cannon, powder, dynamite or warships is the war material that the women supply—the soldiers, the sailors, the officers, those that have their statues built in the market place when the war is over, and those that lie bleeding to death on the ground when the battle ends.

"If you would listen patiently here to the walking delegate or rifle manufacturing mechanics, you should also listen patiently, if only for a few minutes to one who may call herself a sort of walking delegate for the women who manufactured the men that carry the rifles.

"Ours is hard work, the painful work, and the slow work. You can give an order to Schwab and he will give you a million rifles in three months.

"A good mechanic may produce a death-dealing weapon in a few hours of work.

"But it takes a woman many months to produce the son who is sent to be killed with the rifle on his shoulder. And it takes her many years of patient care and anxiety to bring him up to the age where he is fit to kill or be killed.

"Your factories have hastened the process of manufacturing the weapons that men produce. But there is no hastening of the process that Nature lays upon woman.

"We are the manufacturers of all time, and it is time for some attention to be paid, when you discuss preparation for war and wholesale slaughter, to the women, who must produce the real machinery of war—the men that kill and are killed.

"Women have done their share of real fighting in the world, creating the armies to begin with, feeding them, clothing them, encouraging them, rewarding the heroes and shaming the cowards.

"Women no longer fight with their hands, although their courage has by no means left them, as men will discover if they insist too long upon a programme of injustice.

"Women demand that they be consulted in public affairs, and in war especially, since it is they who supply every man sent to be killed, and because woman suffers mentally and physically more than man in war."

THE other day Editor Charles B. Spatz of the Boyertown Democrat completed 50 years of an interesting existence. In addition to heartily felicitating the merry and clever knight of the quill of the Boyertown region, and elsewhere, the editor of the INDEPENDENT deems it well worth while to republish what a Berks county Pennsylvania German is capable of "getting out of his system" while passing a milestone in life's journey. With candor, impressive simplicity, glowing optimism, and naturalness, Editor Spatz says:

Fifty years young and not a gray hair! No, we aren't even bald! How we look back over a life of notes due, bank account overdrawn, dodging creditors, patting disgruntled subscribers on the back, making believe how much we know, hiding our ignorance and all the time pretending, pretending, pretending. But after all every one of the fifty years were worth it. Looking back, we sort of remember a whole lot more bright days than dark ones. It only rained occasionally. But on some of the rainy days it sure did pour! And the fun we had—when the girls and boys were little, and rosy, and chubby! (Dry up, you salty old tears, what business you got streaking down my cheeks, on my birthday.) Don't children grow up sudden like? Hardly get over bobbing them up and down on your knee, and next you know they're bigger than you are! Here are Becky and I now, married more than a quarter of a century, and just getting ready to live; looking forward to that day when things are going to be easy, when every note is canceled, every obligation met, everything's serene. Does that day really ever come? Aren't we watching for some ideal time, some altruistic period, almost from the time we are able to think? But, then, perhaps this thought only comes to you on your 50th birthday! I am on good terms with myself and the whole world to-day. Coincidentally it is Thanksgiving Day, and I am thankful for so much good that has come my way in these 50 short years. I am thankful for the many kind expressions of good wishes that have come to me this day by telegraph, telephone, mail and in person. And for the many pleasant newspaper comments on the occasion. One is only 50 years old once, and I have now passed the mark and am looking forward—to what? Another 50? Well, whatever—I am looking forward. Thanks to all. I wish the whole world might always be as contented with life as I am at this writing.

From the Philadelphia Record: There is one simple test by which loyalty to the United States may be measured. Every man can easily apply it to himself, or to others. Does any man claiming to be an American support policies that are in the interest of the United States, or does he support policies that would injure the United States, but would benefit some foreign country? No man who will put the interests of a foreign country above his own is really loyal to his own Government, and any man who has forewarned his allegiance to a foreign prince or potentate, but yet prefers that prince's or potentate's interest to those of the United States, has sworn falsely.

SAVING SEED CORN.
It may be that you did not select your seed corn in the field. There is nothing to prevent you, however, from carefully examining good corn plants at husking time. More or less perfect ears on strong stalks with broad leaves are splendid material for getting good stock for the coming season. Time has been lost in the past by giving too much attention to the shape of ears, kind of tips and butts, texture of grain and too little attention to productive ability in the field. We want vigorous seed stock, and we want, above all, big yields. When seed corn is laid aside in the fall make sure that during winter these seed ears will not suffer or freeze or otherwise lose in vitality. The warm seed room or other storage place is now the best place for seed corn. The ears have the best farm affords.—American Agriculturist.

CORN SMUT PREVENTION.
The Disease Is Different From That of Wheat and Oats.
Corn smut is a disease propagated by germs or spores which are carried through the air in the field from one plant to another, says the Rural New Yorker. Many farmers have learned about the smut of oats and wheat and the methods of treating the seed grain so as to prevent this disease. They conclude, therefore, that by curing the seed corn the smut can be prevented. Not so, as the disease in corn is a very different proposition from that on the small grain. In the wheat or oats the germs of the disease are found on the grain. When the seed sprouts in the soil and begins to develop into a plant these disease germs get busy and develop inside the plant, forming in the grain as it becomes ripe. Consequently by soaking the seed in a solution of one pint of formalin in sixty gallons of water the disease germs on the seed will be destroyed and the smut will not develop. With corn smut, however, the situation is different. The germs are not usually found upon the grain and there is no danger of smut from planting the seed. The disease is carried over winter on diseased ears or bunches of smut which fall from the stalks upon the ground. Instead of working from the seed through the plant the germs come from the outside. They light upon the young ear and as it grows develop into the distinguishing black bunches which are often seen upon the stalk. There is no way absolutely to prevent the disease, but several ways of avoiding it largely. Smutted ears should be picked off wherever possible and burned. They should not be left upon the ground or fed to stock or left in the manure. They will live over in the manure pile and when spread on the ground in this way may develop and spread the disease. Every precaution should be taken to destroy the smutted ears and stalks. Sometimes when corn is grown year after year on the same ground the disease becomes very bad, and in such cases the only thing to do is to plant other crops and give the land two or three years of change before corn is planted again. In this way the disease is held in check. The truth is that this is a germ disease and can be avoided only through destroying the smutted ears as soon as discovered.

Feeding From Bank Silos.
Silage is the great feed-all of the successful American live stock farm, says the Farming Business. The feeding of it requires lots of work unless the feeder has a head for business. Here is a device for feeding silage from a bank silo, which is in use on a Nebraska farm. It may also be used on above ground silos, however. One man can handle 100 head of live stock easily with such an arrangement, the carrier track being extended out over as many feed boxes as necessary to handle the cattle or sheep to be fed. The boxes for feeding may be arranged in pairs, the posts that support the inner sides of the boxes extending into the air to support the track for the feed carrier at their upper ends.

HUMORS OF CASTE.
How Rules Governing Travel, Study and Dining Are Broken.
Though going to foreign countries by crossing the ocean is to break one's caste, hundreds of young Indians are now visiting Europe and America in pursuit of modern scientific and industrial education. Indeed, so numerous are the families affected that public opinion has compelled the Brahmins to ordain that no loss of caste shall result from going abroad for education. The step next contemplated, says the Century Magazine, is to have merchants and other business men exempted from the ban. It is certain, that in time all classes of travelers will be exempted.
It is not so much the going abroad that is objected to as the eating of forbidden food, as beef, pork or chicken or any food cooked by foreigners. To obviate partly this difficulty the Hindus organized a steamship line, the Indian Peninsula company, between Bombay and London. On board the ships of this line Hindu caste rules are studiously observed: This company intends to open a hotel in London for the caste people of India, so that Hindu students, merchants and travelers may go to London, reside for any length of time and still return home without breaking their caste.
Caste rules prohibit people of different castes dining together. These rules, however, are broken by the rising generation in schools and colleges. The students, defying the cold and calculating conservatives, use the school and college building for dinner parties, where Hindus and Mohammedans, Christians and Jains, Buddhists and atheists, break bread together. In Benares, the stronghold of Brahminical orthodoxy, intercaste dinners are of common occurrence. The Indian leaders in reform have gone a step further. On a public occasion they dined publicly with Europeans in the town hall of Calcutta. These dinners are helping break down obnoxious rules and thus are establishing dinner table democracy.

Breaking It Gently.
"My military bill is \$50."
"Honest! What will your husband say?"
"Oh, I'll break it to him \$3 at a time."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Water and Kerosene

YOU'RE mighty careful about the water you drink—and so you should be. You want to know where it comes from and the probability of its purity. If you have any doubt whatever of its purity, you will not drink it, because you realize the danger of it being infected with bacteria. That's showing your good common sense.

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INVENTORS ARE KEPT BUSY

Ingenious Contrivances That Have Been Devised to Lessen Military Hardships.

There are sure to be many contrivances invented for alleviating the hardships and pains of soldiers before the present war comes to an end.

First and foremost there are boots with springs, both heel and toe. This, it is argued, will make marching less fatiguing, as the springs will prevent the jarring now felt by the soldier as he marches along, especially over hard roads.

There has also been invented a bullet-proof shield which is composed of wire. This shield is intended to buckle on to the soldier's body, and will protect the vital parts, although it will not interrupt the wearer's view, as he can see quite well between the strands of wire.

Soldiers often suffer terribly from thirst, and once more the inventor steps, unobtrusively, into the breach. A helmet has been constructed the lower part of which is hollow. A broad turned-up rim runs round the helmet about halfway down. During a shower of rain the water collects in this rim and runs through a small hole into the cavity in the helmet. Thus the water is collected automatically, and when the wearer desires a drink he simply turns a very small tap at the back of the helmet and out flows the water. This, as will be readily understood, is rather too complicated for general use, and moreover, the helmet filled with water would press uncomfortably on the head.

There is also a rifle to which is attached a telescope, for use when aiming at things a great distance off.

arrows which can be fired from rifles and numerous other contrivances which the inventors, although not the authorities, think would prove of value to soldiers if used.

GIVE LIBERALLY TO CAUSE

Converted Chinese Are Unusually Generous in Their Support of Christian Work.

The question is sometimes asked whether the natives in our foreign fields really contribute in any adequate way toward the support of Christianity, says a writer in the Living Church. This is a perfectly reasonable question, since self-support is one of the signs of a vital coherent national church. As a partial response it is worth noting that within the last few months Chinese Christians have made the following gifts: (1) \$10,000 toward a hall for St. John's college, Shanghai, commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Doctor Pott; (2) \$2,000 toward a pledge of \$8,500 for the Cathedral School for Girls, Hankow; (3) \$8,000 promised for the auditorium of St. Mary's, Shanghai; (4) a residence, erected at a cost of some \$4,000, for Doctor MacWille, Wuchang, as a mark of appreciation for the work done by him as head of the Red Cross during the revolution; also (5) \$5,000 has been contributed toward the purchase of land for the enlargement of a hospital; (6) \$7,000 given outright for the purchase of land for St. Luke's hospital, Shanghai.

These are very recent instances of Chinese generosity, in addition to which there is a constant increase in giving toward the general support of Christian work.

The TEMPTRESS

BY H. M. EGBERT

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The Little Welshman and Van Trevor looked at each other in the rich man's library. The Little Welshman was obviously in need of a job. Van Trevor thought. A sense of compassion rose up in him as he inspected the shabby figure.

"Well, Mr. Evans," he inquired blandly. "I have come with reference to that advertisement for a man to catalogue your books," said Evans. His heart was thumping madly; he was desperately afraid Van Trevor would see his need and cut down the salary.

"You are acquainted with the classics, I believe?" inquired Van Trevor. "Yes, sir, I studied Greek and Latin at Cardiff university. I know French and German, a little Hebrew, some Spanish."

Van Trevor extended his hand cordially. "My dear fellow, that is satisfactory," he said. "The work should last about three months. You understand it is not permanent, of course?" he added.

"I only need it for the summer, sir," replied the Little Welshman. "I am studying at the Theological seminary. I have a means of working off our board after the term begins."

He hesitated. The use of the plural form had betrayed what he had not been anxious to reveal. "My wife and myself," he explained, hesitating.

Van Trevor nodded. "Well, my dear fellow, about the salary," he said. "Would—er—forty dollars a week be satisfactory?"

The Little Welshman could not restrain a gasp. He had expected twenty, he had hoped daringly for twenty-five.

"That's settled, then," said Van Trevor. "And now, Mr. Evans, you

own head. And the pain was stabbing without cessation.

He screamed with the agony of it. He tried to stagger across the room, collapsed, and moaned upon the floor. He saw Van Trevor standing over him, a look of fear in his eyes. Then through a period of unconsciousness he grew to a dim realization of the jolting ambulance, the hospital, the white-capped nurses, and the sickening stench of the ether cone.

He opened his eyes to find himself in a bed in the hospital. His head was swathed in bandages.

"You'll do finely now," the nurse said, and he opened his eyes a second time to see Van Trevor at his side.

"How are you, my dear chap?" he asked. "By George, that was touch and go, but the surgeon says you're all right now."

"You haven't told my wife?" asked Evans weakly.

"No, I thought it best not to alarm her," answered the other.

Van Trevor never came again through the slow days of convalescence. Evans' letters to Lella were unanswered. Gradually a sickening fear began to come over the Little Welshman, a sense of some undefinable tragedy. At last, when two weeks had passed, he was permitted to leave the hospital. He hurried to the Van Trevor house. The butler, who opened the door, stood in his way.

"Mr. Van Trevor left a letter for you, sir," he said, handing him a missive.

The Little Welshman opened it. It stated briefly that the work had come to an end, and included a check for five hundred dollars.

Evans tore the check to pieces and turned away from the house in blind agony and rage.

IV.

The bungalows stood side by side in their trim plots at the edge of the shore. Near by, at the huge hotel, were music and dancing, and the mirth of holiday-makers. Many couples, strolling along the road, looked askance at the seedy little man, with the bandage about his head, who walked hurriedly toward the bungalow at the end of the row.

In the shadow of a pine tree Evans halted. The bungalow was ablaze with lights. He heard the voices of Van Trevor and his friends, and the tittering laughter of his wife. Then came a laugh that made him clutch at his heart—Lella's.

Then suddenly the Little Welshman seemed to become inspired with a strong personality that had never been his. He strode through the open door into the living-room, and stood there at the door.

He saw a look of fear in Van Trevor's eyes, astonishment in the guests', wonder in Lella's. The little, shabby man suddenly dominated the situation.

"Hugh!" exclaimed Lella, leaping to her feet. "You are ill! What is the matter?"

"I have come to take you home, dear," said Evans.

Mrs. Van Trevor advanced with mingled steps. "This is Lella's husband," she explained to the group. "He has been unwell, you know. Mr. Evans, it would really have been more seemly to have written."

"Come, dear," said Evans, taking his wife's arm in his. In that moment he saw all the struggle in the girl's soul; the old love and the new pleasure. It was a hard test for her, beaten by the storms of uncertainty.

"Lella is certainly not going away with you," exclaimed Elsie Van Trevor angrily. "This is an outrage! Lella dear, we will protect you."

With a swift, passionate gesture Evans tore the bracelets from Lella's arms, the pendant from her neck, and cast them down. And, while they still stared at them, they were gone, and Lella clung to her husband's neck in the darkness.

"Hugh, dearest!" she wept. "What was it? Why didn't you write? I didn't know you had been ill. They wanted me to get a divorce—O, Hugh, if you knew how they would have made me do anything—anything. Keep me! Guard me! Never leave me again!"

And in her husband's clasp she felt at last a safeguard against the dangers that had beset her, and knew that thenceforward their real life would be together.

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She directs them with pretty authority, scolds them if they stop when she wants them to go on, points out the sights to them, shares in their wonder and their open-mouthed admiration if they do not mind, and generally is obeyed as though she was a field marshal.

They are big chaps, most of these Russians—big and broad shouldered; and they clump along in their monster boots, sweating their great coats, and meekly do as the little nurse tells them. She calls them "my children," and admonishes them and guards them and steers them across the street car tracks and past the busy corners; and they all look to her with perfect and simple and childish trust and faith. They do not know about cities; but maybe that's the little mother—will keep them from harm—Samuel G. Blythe, in the Saturday Evening Post.

Amsterdam Statistics.

The annual booklet issued by the city of Amsterdam, giving statistics of local affairs, shows that the population increase in 1914 of nearly 14,000—making the total population over 600,000—was almost double the gain during each of several years just preceding, and more than double the annual gain a decade ago. The 24 leading hotels had during the year 105,824 guests, of whom 12,824 were Americans. The number of people carried on the street cars was 100,951,476; fares received, \$1,738,000, being less than 2 cents a fare. The general fare is 2 cents, but on certain short stretches it is less. Other sources of revenue brought the total receipts to \$2,093,000, from which, after paying operating and maintenance expenses, \$40,000 was turned into the city treasury and \$28,000 into the reserve fund.

His Debauch.

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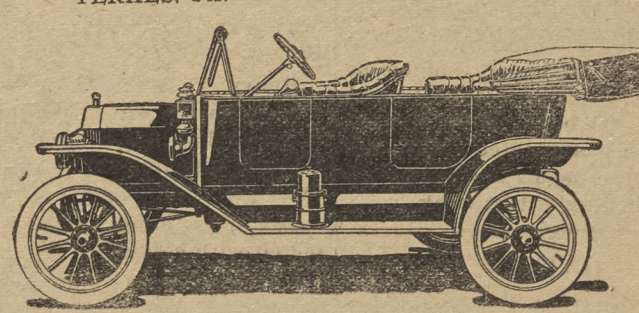
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